



The End Of Evil: The Book of Revelation

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How Evil Ends

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God's treatment of evil seems quite harsh. What do you think of that?

God's treatment of people who are in the book of life seems quite gracious. What do you think of that?

How firmly do you believe in the Lake of Fire?

How should a belief in the Lake of Fire affect our lives?

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